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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)

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Serial No.: 10/573,222)

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For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE
TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF
DIABETES MELLITUS**)

Examiner: H. L. Anderson

Art Unit: 1609

New York, New York
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2007, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before June 18, 2007. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner issued a three-way restriction requirement pursuant to 35 USC §§ 121 and 372. The restriction divided the claims into the following allegedly distinct inventions: Group I drawn to a "method of

making a nutraceutical composition comprising a catechin and a PPAR γ ligand" containing claims 1-7 and 19-20; Group II drawn to "a method of treating diabetes and/or obesity and syndrome X comprising consuming a catechin during administration of a PPAR γ ligand" containing claims 8-13; and Group III drawn to "a composition comprising a catechin and a PPAR γ ligand" containing claims 14-18. (Paper No. 20070514 at 2.)

In accordance with restriction practice, the subject matter of **claims 14-18 (Group III)** is hereby elected for prosecution with traverse.

In addition, the Examiner issued a requirement to "elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable." (Paper 20070514 at 3.) The Examiner asserted that the following species "lack unity of invention":

- A) Full agonist;
- B) Partial agonist;
- C) Selective PPAR γ modulator/agonist;
- D) PPAR γ dual agonist or panagonist;
- E) Thiazolidinedione;
- F) PUFA;
- G) Ligustilide; and
- H) Phytanic acid. (*Id.*)

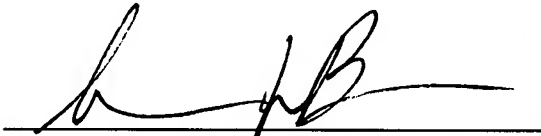
In accordance with election of species practice, **G) Ligustilide** is elected for purposes of Examination with traverse.

The Examiner further required that applicant identify "the claims encompassing the elected invention." (*Id.* at 4.) The elected invention is encompassed by elected claims 14-15 and 17-18.


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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact
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